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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Monday, April 18, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	5/16/2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rochelle Mason, Professional Member, **President**, Presiding
John Mucha, Professional Member, **Vice President**
Kyla Teed, Public Member **Secretary**
Sandra Bisgood, Public Member
Florienda Scott-Cobb, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tara Donofrio, Public Member
Lori Scott, Professional Member

ALSO PRESENT

Marlene Saunders, NASW-DE
Ronna Glenn

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Mason called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed February 1, 2016 minutes for approval. Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Mason, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion Regarding Joint Sunset Committee Recommendations

Ms. Mason stated that this is on the agenda as the Board continues to work on the draft and this discussion will be tabled until later in the meeting as the Board will hold a stakeholders meeting after the regularly scheduled meeting today.

Review of Submitted CE's from Cheryl Stiefvater as a result of Hardship Extension Request

The Board reviewed the CE's submitted by Ms. Cheryl Stiefvater. Ms. Scott-Cobb made a motion, seconded by Ms. Teed, to approve the CE's submitted by Ms. Stiefvater to satisfy the Board's requirement. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Applications to Sit for ASWB Clinical Exam

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Dannette Johnson. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Torres Trower. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Sonya Williams. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Frederica Wilson. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Donna Bolger. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Yetunde Olobatuyi. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Lisa Clark. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Sandhya Celestin. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Rhonda Coleman. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Tyler Hohman. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Anne Merical. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Lauren Boehm. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Irma Hernandez. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Debony Lee. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Jennifer Cannon. Motion unanimously carried.

Ratification of Applications for Licensure by Reciprocity

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to ratify the application for licensure by reciprocity for Renee Felder. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to ratify the application for licensure by reciprocity for Emily Azzara. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to ratify the application for licensure by reciprocity for Amy Habeger. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Applications to Sit for ASWB Exam (Full Board Review Required)

Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Sonia Cady. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Eugena Truitt. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Shannel Victor. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Applications for Licensure by Reciprocity (Full Board Review Required)

Ms. Bisgood moved, seconded by Ms. Mason, to approve the application for licensure by reciprocity for Alicia Flores. Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Consider Consent Agreements

Ms. Kelly discussed the consent agreement for Rosa Fernandez. After discussion by the Board, Ms. Mason made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to accept the consent agreement for Ms. Fernandez. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Kelly discussed the consent agreement for Carl White. After discussion by the Board, Ms. Mason made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to accept the consent agreement for Mr. White. Motion carried by majority, with Mr. Mucha recusing.

Review and Consider Hearing Officer Recommendation for Rule to Show Cause Hearing

Ms. Kelly discussed the hearing officer's recommendation for Malisa K. Shreve. After discussion by the Board, Ms. Mason made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to accept the recommendation as written. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request for 90-Day Waiver to Take ASWB Clinical Exam

The Board received a request from Stephanie Zeigler asking for a waiver of the 90 day wait period after sitting for the exam. The Board discussed the request from Ms. Zeigler. The Board asked Ms. Wagner if a waiver has ever been granted to someone. Ms. Wagner responded that to her knowledge a 90 day waiver has never been given. The Board advised that the 90 day rule comes from the ASWB and is in effect to provide adequate time for applicants to review for the exam even in cases where the candidate has failed the exam.. Ms. Mason made a motion, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to deny the request from Stephanie Zeigler waiving the 90 days. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request for Special Accommodations to sit for ASWB Exam

A request was submitted to the Board asking for special accommodations to sit for the ASWB Exam. After discussion and seeing that the request met the requirements for special accommodations, Ms. Mason made a motion, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to approve the special accommodations for 90 minutes extended time.

CORRESPONDENCE

Review of 2015 ASWB Examination Pass Rates

The Board reviewed the list of pass rates and spoke about how supervisor can play a big part in how a person can pass the clinical exam. The Board is very hopeful that the pass rates will improve.

Review Correspondence sent to Senator Poore from NASW – DE

The Board read through the correspondence that the NASW-DE sent to Senator Poore. Ms. Mason thanked Dr. Saunders and Verity Watson for arranging the meeting with Senator Poore. Ms. Mason stressed the fact the NASW-DE has the same vision as the Board in making the changes and their Ad Hoc committee is working very hard to get language that the Board can use. Ms. Mason stated to Dr. Saunders that she appreciates everything Dr. Saunders does to assist the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Ms. Scott-Cobb requested that an update regarding off-site Board meetings be placed on the May 16, 2016 meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Saunders addressed the Board, and provided an update regarding the NASW – DE chapter's activities and meetings held. At the Joint Sunset's meeting of January 13, 2016, Senator Poore stated that she strongly encourages and would love to see the DE Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners finally come to a resolution for the multi-tier licensure as 46 other states have done this, DE can do this as well. Senator Poore stated that she would be hopeful that the draft could be completed before this year's session ends and if not we will see you again in January 2017.

The National Association of Social Workers was very encouraged by Senator Poore's statement. Dr. Saunders stated that she requested to meet with Senator Poore. Senator Poore agreed to this meeting and the meeting took place on February 16, 2016. In attendance in this meeting with Senator Poore was Dr. Saunders, Executive Director, National Association of Social Workers, Ms. Rochelle Mason, President of the Board, David Mangler, Director of Professional Regulation, and Ms. Verity Watson, Staff, Joint Sunset Committee.

During the meeting Dr. Saunders stressed that NASW's committed to seeing the multi-tier licensure to be enacted.

Several other meetings were held with stakeholders and other members of the Joint Sunset Committee throughout February. The meetings were organized to fulfill the following purposes by obtaining the stakeholder's position with respect to the multi-tier licensure; ascertaining the stakeholder's concerns,

questions and/issues specific to multi-level licensure; providing the stakeholder NASW-DE's rationale for supporting for multi-tier licensure; and giving the stakeholder NASW-DE's position regarding specific concerns, questions, and issues.

The Ad Hoc Committee members felt the meetings were extremely useful. The meetings were constructive in that they gave NASW-DE and stakeholders the opportunity to discuss together regulations that resolve issues while preserving the title social worker and linking regulations to persons who are licensed by virtue of possessing a social work degree.

A chart was created of Statute Recommendations for Multi-Tier licensure and cases of If & Then scenario's.

Ms. Ronna Glenn addressed the Board with her concerns on what is going to happen with her job. Ms. Glenn carries the title of social work but does not have a degree and is worried about using the title. The institution she works for will not be changing people's titles once this goes through. Ms. Kelly stated that they still need to look at the grandfathering provisions that they will have.

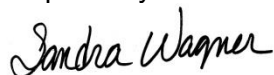
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on May 16, 2016 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Wagner".

Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III
Delaware Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners